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FOR: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING TWO HERMETIC THREADED TUBULAR JOINTS COMPRISING A LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS, BY MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2011, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.